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SUBJECT: IMCO: PAKISTAN SEEKS ELECTION TO COUNCIL

SUMMARY: EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED CIRCULAR FOREIGN MINISTRY

NOTE DATED SEPT 29, 1975 REQUESTING USG SUPPORT FOR THE

ELECTION OF GOP TO THE COUNCIL OF IMCO DURING THE 9TH

ASSEMBLY MEETING COMING UP IN NOVEMBER. END SUMMARY.

1. THE OPERATIVE PORTION OF THE NOTE READS AS FOLLOWS:

" THE GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN HAS DECIDED TO SEEK
ELECTION TO THE COUNCIL OF INTER-GOVERNMENTAL MARITIME
CONSULTATIVE ORGANIZATION (IMCO) FROM GROUP 'C,' TO BE
HELD DURING THE 9TH ASSEMBLY OF THE INTER-GOVERNMENTAL
CONSULTATIVE ORGANIZATION (IMCO) FROM 3RD TO 14TH NOVEMBER,
1975.

"2. " IT WILL BE APPRECIATED THAT PAKISTAN HAS VERY
ACTIVELY PARTICIPATED IN THE AFFAIRS OF IMCO AND HAS
PLAYED A VERY CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE IN THE MARITIME SAFETY
COMMITTEE OF IMCO.

3. " PAKISTAN IS A TRADITIONAL HOME OF SEAFARERS IN THE
EAST AND IT HAS VERY IMPORTANT INTEREST IN THE MARITIME
TRANSPORT AND SUPPLY OF CREW TO THE INTERNATIONAL SHIPPING
INDUSTRY. THIS CAN BE JUDGED FROM THE FOLLOWING FACTS:

(A) ABOUT 90,000 BERTHED AND UNBERTHED PASSENGERS ARE
TRANSPORTED ANNUALLY ON PAKISTANI SHIPS; (B) ABOUT 82,000
PILGRIMS TRAVEL ANNUALLY BY PAKISTANI SHIPS; (C) PAKISTAN
HAS ABOUT 8,300 REGISTERED SEAMEN FOR 32 PAKISTANI AND 132
FOREIGN SHIPS; (D) FOREIGN SEABORNE TRADE DURING THE LAST

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YEAR WAS OF THE ORDER OF 10,128,000 TONS AND A CONSIDERABLE

AMOUNT OF THIS WAS CARRIED IN PAKISTAN REGISTERED SHIPS.
THE TONNAGE EMPLOYED BY US FOR FOREIGN TRADE IS BEING
AUGMENTED AND OUR SHARE IN THE FOREIGN SEABORNE TRADE WILL
THEREBY INCREASE. PLANS FOR EXPANSION OF PAKISTANI FLEET
ARE ALSO UNDERWAY.

4. " THE GOVERNMENT OF PAKISTAN SINCERELY HOPES THAT IN
VIEW OF THE CONSIDERATIONS OUTLINED ABOVE, AS WELL AS THE
FRIENDLY RELATIONS EXISTING BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES, THE
GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WILL EXTEND ITS
VALUABLE SUPPORT TO PAKISTAN'S CANDIDATURE FOR ELECTION
TO THE COUNCIL OF IMCO."

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